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NOTES AND NEWS

AN OPEN LETTER TO THE ANTI-BEHAVIORISTS

Dear Fellow Workers:

I have followed your papers during the last ten years with keen interest and much profit and now at the end of the decade I feel impelled to put a question to you. At first blush the interrogation may seem personal and yet I assure you that it is motivated only by the most dispassionate search for truth on this question which is causing you so much unrest. It may well be that a little self-analysis, a little effective introspection directed at a certain aspect of the social situation now constituted by the "Behavioristic Controversy" may throw just that light upon the problem which will enable some of us to cast our lot definitely with one party or the other.

I want to ask you this: Who are the behaviorists? Have you ever brought together a bibliography of this topic for the past decade? If you have not, the undertaking will be most enlightening. I can find but two men who have presented and defended behaviorism, Drs. John B. Watson and A. P. Weiss. Their labors are summed up in two books and some dozen papers. I can not admit, as you may see, that there is any other behaviorism than that advocated by Dr. Watson. Behaviorism has come to mean just one thing and that is a psychology which takes as its subject matter, not consciousness, but stimulus and response relationships. Some of you, I

know, have advocated new systems of behaviorism, but you do not succeed. No one in writing of this point of view is attacking *your* system, and the more papers you write the more firmly do you fix the true historical significance of the term. Your "truly psychological behaviorism," your "new formula," your "conscious behavior" and the other substitutes which you hasten to bring forth, only serve to direct attention to the illegitimate nature of your offspring. But if we find only two behaviorists in the literature, how many and what anti-behaviorists can be found? For fear of offending some of you by omission, I shall not urge the following list as complete. It is, however, fairly so and certainly is quite representative. May I, then, present the following *antis*: James R. Angell, E. B. Titchener, R. M. Yerkes, B. Bode, M. W. Calkins, Wm. McDougall, A. A. Robach, D. S. Miller, H. R. Marshall, H. R. Crosland, E. C. Tolman, A. O. Lovejoy, J. R. Kantor, Mrs. DeLaguna, M. F. Washburn, E. B. Holt, George Mead, Bertrand Russell, T. H. Pear, F. C. Bartlett, E. M. Smith, G. H. Thompson, A. Robinson, and others. I do not include either the writers of text-books or scientists other than psychologists; but a complete roster of printed opponents would range from zoölogists to philosophers and from humble members to presidents of the American Psychological Association. Almost each new periodical number affords a "coming-out party" for a new member of your group. And there is no apparent increase among your opponents.

My dear friends, why do you write so much? I raise the issue in all seriousness. If here, there, and yonder, psychologists were joining Watson's banner, you might be actuated by the menace of opposing numbers. But if behaviorism is spreading, the literature fails to reveal it, although the cloak rooms and corridors may bear more eloquent witness. I will not be so vulgar as even to suggest that your articles are merely for the sake of intellectual exercise and the display of critical skill. No, it is the power and incisiveness of the theory which you fear, a theory which without increasing defenders causes you to see an enemy in every one not an anointed introspectionist and to detect a danger in all objective study. This social phenomenon affords the strongest argument inclining me to believe that Watson has found the Achilles heel of your "old" psychology.

Ladies and gentlemen, you do protest too much.

Affectionately yours,

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